



# Zorra Skating Club

October/November 2017

## President's Message

Welcome everyone to the 2017-18 skating season. The Zorra Skating Club is excited to welcome you to a great skating season. To our new skaters and families, we hope that this is just the beginning of many years of participation with our club. To our returning skaters, welcome back. It always feels a bit like coming home. We look forward to being a part of your continued growth and helping you achieve your goals.

Our board of directors continue to work hard to assist our coaches in providing the best programming possible. Our coaches have many years of coaching experience and have helped many young skaters realize their potential. On the ice you will notice we have several Program Assistants (identifiable by their red jackets) that are there to help our skaters along. The Program Assistants have been trained by our coaching staff and report directly to them on the ice. They are caring individuals that volunteer, helping out for the love of skating. We are so thankful to have so many willing to lend a hand.

Newsletters will be distributed via email monthly. If you have not provided us with a current email address, please do so. Also, please check our bulletin board for information and updates, it is located in the hallway heading down to the change rooms.

We are off to a terrific start to our fundraising efforts this year. Fundraising is very important part of the success of our club, without it we would not be able to run our programs while keeping our registrations fees affordable. We thank all of those who have already contributed by working at community events or by selling product. Please consider signing up to work in the arena canteen. It is a convenient way to work off your bond, while offering a service to the community and those visiting our facility.

The board of directors are always happy to hear your positive feedback, but are also willing to listen to any concerns you may have. Please feel free to speak to anyone on the board. You can speak to us in person at the rink or our contact information can be found on our website [www.zorraskatingclub.ca](http://www.zorraskatingclub.ca).

Please remember we are all volunteers, we will return emails or phone calls as soon as possible. We are looking forward to seeing all of our skaters' progress in the coming weeks and months.

Happy Skating,

Suzanne McRoberts , President 2017-18

### BOND OPPORTUNITY

The Zorra Skating club has partnered with three other groups to ensure the canteen at the Embro arena is open on a regular basis for the 2017/2018 season. This is a great and easy way to work off your bond this year. Every hour worked, will take \$10.00 off your bond.

We still have spots open for this coming week (Oct. 23-29). Please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a44a8ab2da0fa7-canteen1>

### HALLOWEEN



**Canskate: Friday, Oct. 27th**  
**(All Wednesday and Friday skaters)**  
**Junior/Int./Senior: Monday, Oct. 30th**  
**(All Monday and Thursday skaters)**

**Skaters must be able to skate in costumes,  
no masks, and caskaters must wear  
helmets.**

The Zorra Skating Club Coaching Staff would like to welcome all our skating families to another action packed winter season. This is a season of many changes within our sport. Like all changes it will have some growing pains but in the end be well worth it for our skaters and our sport. The coaching staff have been attending seminars, taking exams and meeting with each other to brainstorm. We have started implementing these changes within our Club and look forward to the challenges ahead. We have many exciting activities planned, the first being a Halloween Party. Our Skaters may wear costumes but they should be safe to skate in. We recommend that your skater NOT wear a Mask as it limits their vision. Canskater's should still wear their helmets.

## **Safety is our First Priority**

We would like to thank all the parents who informed the Club of health risks concerning their children. Even minor conditions such as impaired hearing, sight or attention problems are things we should know about. If you forgot to mention any health concerns prior to skating would you please let us know. This will enable us to conduct our skating sessions in a safe and productive manner.

Did you know that we take attendance each day? If there is an emergency evacuation and it's necessary to get your children off the ice quickly. The Professional Coaching Staff have trained the Program Assistants to take your children off the closest exit leading from the ice. Our P.A.'s have been instructed to take the attendance book and to meet in the parking lot at the south side of the rink until construction is finished. Attendance will be taken again to ensure that all our skaters are accounted for. You as parents are asked to meet us there even if you have your child.

Unruly behaviour can cause a Safety Risk to ALL the skaters on the ice. On occasion a skater may receive a "Time Out" from one of our Professional Coaches in the form of a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct. This would be serviced in the penalty box. If the behaviour continues they may be asked to leave the ice.

## **Skating Equipment**

Please remember your skater can only perform as well as their equipment allows. Properly fitted skates are essential. If your child's ankles are either leaning in or out, then there's definitely a problem. It's imperative that their ankles are well supported and that the blades are mounted correctly. Occasionally a skater may have a foot problem that can cause this. Moving the blade can sometimes help. Proper blade sharpening is crucial.

If at any time you have questions or concerns about your skater, feel free to talk to any of the Professional Coaching Staff when they are off the ice or by phone or email. We love to talk about skating!

## **Coaching Staff 2017 - 2018**

**Canskate Sessions:** Wednesday & Friday - Marcia Coull & Jaclynn McIntyre

**Preliminary and Intermediate Starskate (5:30 – 6:40PM):** Monday - Beth Lochhead  
Thursday: Deb Roefs (Dance Session), Marcia Coull (Badge and FreeSkate Session),  
Jaclynn McIntyre (Skills and Stroking).

**Starskate Stroking:** Monday – Beth Lochhead  
Thursday – Deb Roefs

**Off-Ice Training:** Monday – Jaclynn McIntyre

**Harness/Jump Training:** Thursday – Jaclynn McIntyre

\* Please note: You will notice from time to time additional coaches on the ice giving private instruction. These coaches have been hired by the skaters parents to give their child extra one on one instruction (Private Lessons). This will give their skater the opportunity to compete in local Competitions and/or advance at a quicker rate. Any parent interested in private or semi private lessons for their skater should ask a Professional Skating Coach.

Yours in skating,  
Deb Roefs



# Fundraising

Thank you for a great start to our fundraising year! The Elmira Chicken orders will be delivered to the arena for pick up on Friday, October 27th. You may pick up your order anytime between 5:30-6:20 pm. If you are unable to pick up your order, please make arrangements for someone to come and pick it up. The MacMillan's Orders are due Friday, November 3rd.

Thank-you,  
Sarah Pletsch and Christa Minler (Fundraising Chairs)

## Katelynn Innes Memorial Fun Competition

Thursday, November 16th - 5:30-8:30

### It's a Pirates Life for Me

All Junior, Intermediate, Senior Skaters are  
welcome to participate! (Invitations coming soon)

Please dress up like a Pirate or a Parrot!

Any questions, please contact Pirate Captain Deb



## Upcoming Dates

Oct. 27, 2017	Elmira Chicken Pick Up (Arena: 5:30-6:20)
Oct. 27, 2017	Halloween Party - Canskate (Wednesday & Friday Skaters)
Oct. 30, 2017	Halloween Party (Junior/Intermediate/Senior)
Nov. 03, 2017	Macmillan's Orders due
Nov. 16, 2017	Fun Competition and Skate Swap
Nov. 17, 2017	MacMillan's Pick up (Arena: 5:30-6:20)
Dec. 8, 2017	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Registration – CanSkate A
Dec. 22, 2017	Santa Skate & P.A Christmas Party
Dec. 25, 2017	No Skating
Dec. 26, 2017	No Skating
Dec. 28, 2017	Cheers on Ice Draw
Dec. 28, 2017	Holiday Ice Show
Jan. 27, 2017	Bids for Blades Dinner & Auction

\*\*\*Please watch the bulletin board or Website for more information  
[www.zorraskatingclub.ca](http://www.zorraskatingclub.ca)

**NEW \*\*\* Please check your file folder for any informational items that are handed out. It will be located on the table on your way out of the arena.**

## Cheers on Ice Tickets

The Cheers on Ice Tickets will be ready for pick up from November 1st-3rd in the arena lobby from 5:30-6:00pm. Please pick them up as you need to sign off on them.

Thank you to the skating families who have brought in something to add to our Cheers on Ice Cooler. Please keep them coming. They may be handed in to any board member.